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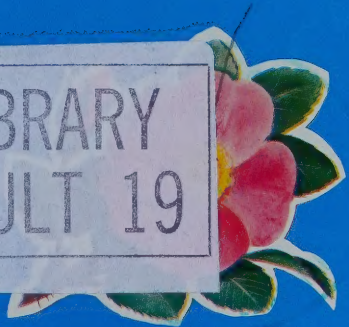


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THE CRIMES COMPENSATION BOARD

CRIMES OF VIOLENCE COMPENSATION FOR INJURIES OR DEATH

By Act of the Alberta Legislature which came into operation on October 1, 1969, the Province has set up a Crimes Compensation Board so that victims of crimes of violence may claim compensation for their injuries.

This guide is intended to help you understand how the scheme works.

1. WHO CAN FILE A CLAIM?

Claims may be made by:

(a) anyone injured as a result of a crime of violence, or in endeavouring to arrest someone, to preserve the peace, or in assisting a police officer in carrying out his duty.

(b) the dependents of anyone killed in any of the circumstances outlined above.

The injury must have happened on or **after** October 1, 1969, but in certain conditions the Board may make a payment of compensation where the injury was caused earlier.

2. WHAT COMPENSATION CAN YOU CLAIM?

You may claim for all expenses actually incurred by you as a result of the injury (or death), including damaged clothing, and compensation for loss of wages while you were unable to work because of the injury.

If the injury occurred while you were making an arrest or assisting the police, the Board can add to the award compensation for any disfigurement and for your pain and suffering, up to an amount of \$10,000.00.

Where a child is born as a result of rape, the Board may provide for the maintenance of the child.

No claim is admissible if the amount of the damage is less than \$100.00, nor may you claim where the injury was caused by a motor vehicle (there are other remedies in that case), except, in certain circumstances, if you are the spouse of someone killed by a motor vehicle.

3. WHAT CONDITIONS ARE THERE TO MAKING A CLAIM?

Normally, you must be a resident of Alberta.

The injury, and how it was caused, must have been reported to the police as soon as possible after it happened.

The claim for compensation must be lodged with the Board within one year of the injury (or death).

The claimant must be prepared to take a medical examination if the Board requires it.

4. HOW DO YOU MAKE A CLAIM?

Write to the Secretary of the Board at the address given at the bottom of this pamphlet and ask for a claim form and any other information you think you will need.

See that you have obtained receipts for all the expenses you are claiming and some evidence of any time lost from work and your loss of wages or salary as a result.

Return the form completed with all documents requested to the Secretary of the Board.

Supply the Board with what further information they need and be prepared to attend the hearing of your claim by the Board, normally held in public. You will receive notice of the hearing.

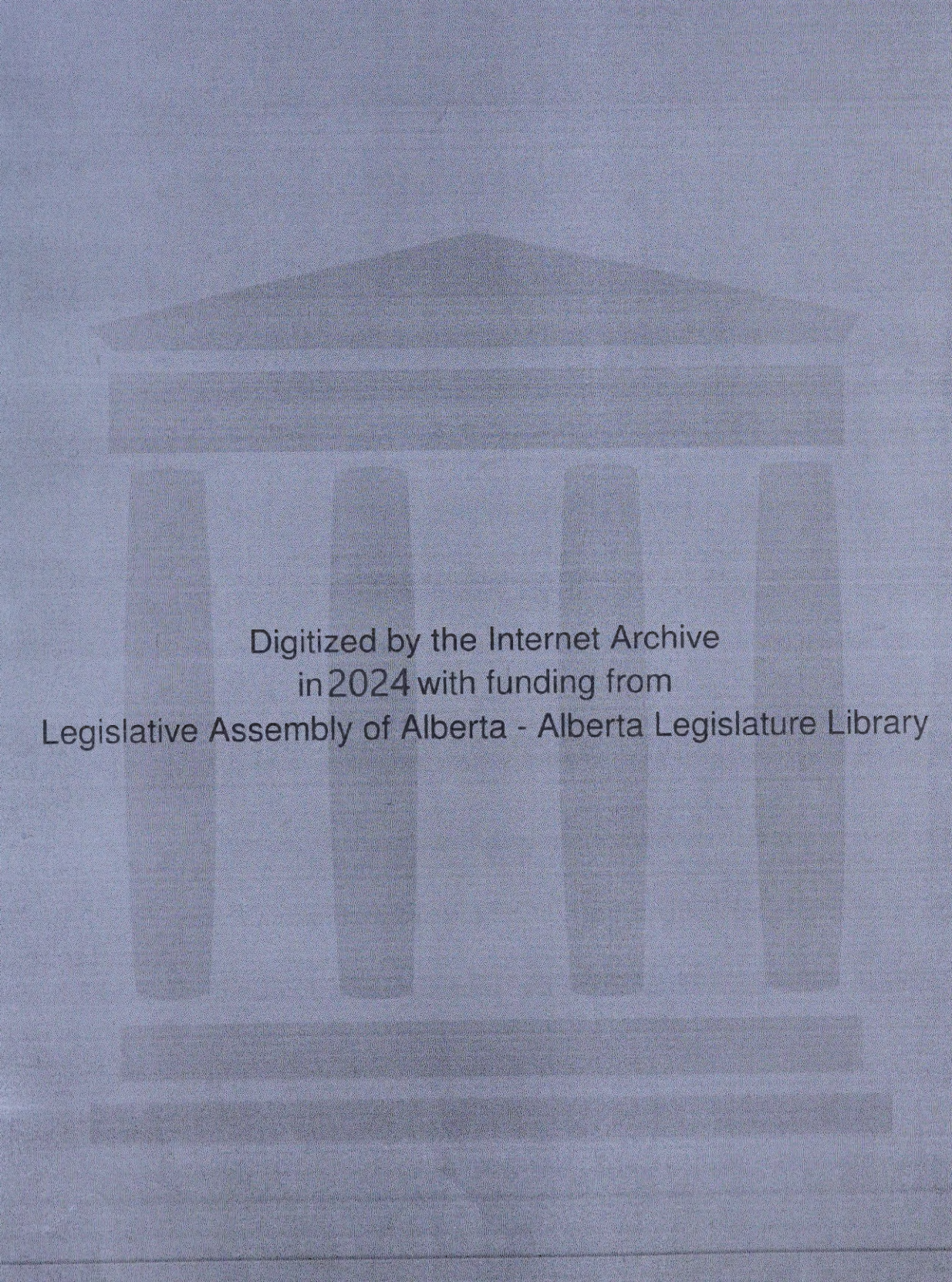
If you are claiming that your injuries will handicap you permanently at work, you will likely need some evidence on this from your doctor in the form of a medical report. If you are in actual financial need when you make your application, you can ask the Board to make an interim payment.

The Board endeavours to keep its proceedings and hearings as simple and informal as possible, but any false statement made to it under oath can be punished by a fine of not more than \$500.00.

IN CASE OF DOUBT write to the Secretary of the Board for information at the following address:

**THE CRIMES COMPENSATION BOARD
THE MADISON BUILDING
9919 - 105 STREET
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